

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SHERMAN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 )  
 Plaintiff, ) Case No. 4:20-CR-00212  
 vs. )  
 )  
 DEBRA LYNN MERCER-ERWIN (1) )  
 )  
 Defendants. )

**ORDER**

Upon the filing of Defendant Debra Lynn Mercer-Erwin's Motion in Limine Regarding Hearsay and Federico Machado [Doc. 345], the Court hereby orders that Defendant's Motion in Limine Regarding Hearsay and Federico Machado as follows:

Decision: GRANTED  DENIED

**MODIFIED:** Government will only be introducing statements made in furtherance of the conspiracy while he was acting in furtherance of the conspiracy; no testimonial statements will be offered.

If the government makes Machado an issue during trial, then defense is allowed to bring him up. However, defense cannot bring anything up during opening statements. (it is not about whether Machado's name is mentioned, but about the statements specifically made by Machado).

**DENIED** as to any statements made in furtherance of the conspiracy. **GRANTED** as to any testimonial statements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 11th day of April, 2023.

  
AMOS L. MAZZANT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE